

Blended Intensive Program: Europe in Dialogue: Identity, Heritage and Innovation in Coastal Cities

Important note:

Students interested in this program have to apply to their home university according to the internal procedure.

Student applications made directly to the hosting institution will not be considered.

General information

Course Title	Europe in Dialogue: Identity, Heritage and Innovation in Coastal Cities
Coordinating Institution	University of Algarve Erasmus code: P FARO 02
ISCED Code	0314 Sociology and cultural studies 0521 Environmental sciences
Partner Institutions	Nord University, Norway University of Brest, France University of Gdansk, Poland University of Naples Parthenope, Italy University of Cádiz, Spain
BIP Code	2025-1-PT01-KA131-HED-000343679-1
Abstract: (a few lines describing the course that SEA-EU partners can use for dissemination)	This course program responds directly to the horizontal priorities of the Erasmus+ program, by integrating: *Inclusion and Diversity, through the valorisation of local knowledge, the participation of less representative regions and the promotion of dialogue between different cultural and social contexts; *Ecological Transition, by addressing sustainable development in a transversal way in the areas of heritage, food and regional innovation and raising awareness of various principles that they can adopt to reduce carbon and environmental footprints in their activities; *Digital Transformation, using collaborative and interactive platforms in the virtual component and the creation of shareable digital products among participants, as well as providing an innovative vision based on examples of good technological practices from local companies and entrepreneurs; *Participation in Democratic Life, promoting active citizenship, community involvement and European awareness of the participants.

	The proposal is also of great strategic relevance by enhancing the transfer of good practices between local and international contexts, strengthening the role of higher education institutions in promoting a more cohesive, resilient and sustainable Europe, as well as creating conditions for future projects of strategic cooperation, research/action and joint curriculum development synchronized with the Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda.
Calendar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11th of March: Nominations deadline • 18th of March: Confirmation of acceptance • 05 and 07 of May: Virtual part (5 hours) • From 22 until 26 of June: On-site Intensive Course in UAlg (35 hours).
Total number of hours	40 hours
Teacher(s) in charge	Professor Pedro Calado & Professor Carolina de Sousa
Number of participants	The minimum number of participants is 15, maximum is 20. Each SEA-EU university can propose up to 2/3 students.
Mobility costs	This mobility is eligible for Erasmus+. Please contact your International Relations Office or Erasmus+ Mobility Office at your university for more information.
Contact	<p>Academic Coordinators: Professor Pedro Calado (pcalado@ualg.pt) Professor Carolina de Sousa (csousa@ualg.pt)</p> <p>Mrs. Marleni Azevedo - Head of International Relations and Mobility Office & SEA-EU 2.0 Local Manager Office (international@ualg.pt)</p> <p>Mr. Filipe Lage – Logistical Support (international@ualg.pt)</p>

Pedagogical content

Target group / Expected student profile	Students interested in projects centred on different cultural and disciplinary contexts aiming to explore territories as living spaces of identity, resilience, and creativity. Undergraduate's, bachelor's, master's, and doctoral students will be accepted, regardless of the scientific area, priority will be given to Erasmus+ students from SEA-EU 2.0.
Requirements Academic background	English B1 (test can be taken on EU academy).

Selection participants	Done by each university from the SEA-EU 2.0
Selection criteria	Defined by each university from the SEA-EU 2.0
Description of the virtual component – 5 ECTS credit	<p>Day 1: 05-05-2026 (2,30 hours)</p> <p>Introduction to the fundamental concepts to promote a European, interdisciplinary and intercultural training experience focused on valuing local territories as spaces of identity, heritage, innovation, resilience and sustainability, through the implementation of a program coordinated by a network of higher education institutions.</p> <p>Day 2: 07-05-2026 (2,30 hours)</p> <p>Explain how important to acquire knowledge about the history and identity of the partner territories, promoting intercultural understanding and respect for European diversity and valuing tangible and intangible cultural heritage as a driver of social cohesion, local development and the affirmation of identity in a European context. Learn strategies to reinforce sustainable practices associated with culture, food, local and international production and conscious consumption, based on the principles of the Mediterranean Diet and other intercultural traditions.</p>
Description of the physical component (please include any relevant information for the applicants) – 35 ECTS credit	<p>Day 1: 22-06-2026 (7 hours)</p> <p>Session I - Coastal Histories: Shaping Identities Across Europe</p> <p>Objective: To explore the historical trajectories of SEA-EU coastal cities and to understand how their strategic positions have influenced identity, trade, cultural exchange and urban development.</p> <p>Expected learning outcomes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recognize the multicultural historical foundations of European coastal cities. 2. Reflect on the construction of identity through contact, migration and maritime exchange. <p>Day 2: 23-06-2026 (7 hours)</p> <p>Session II - Cultural Identity in Coastal Contexts</p> <p>Objective: To analyze contemporary cultural practices and explore how traditions are maintained, adapted or challenged in coastal urban environments.</p>

Expected learning outcomes:

1. Reflect on cultural identity and transformation in contemporary Europe.
2. Critically engage with the impact of tourism, migration and globalisation.

Day 3: 24-06-2026 (7 hours)

Session III - Coastal Heritage: Tangible and Intangible Dimensions

Objective: To identify and enhance the cultural, architectural and natural heritage of coastal regions within the framework of the SEA-EU Alliance.

Expected learning outcomes:

1. Develop strategies for sustainable heritage management.
2. Understand the interconnections between ecological and coastal cultural heritage.

Day 4: 25-06-2026 (7 hours)

Session IV - Coastal Gastronomy – Cultural Tradition, Creativity and Sustainability

Objective: To explore the culinary traditions of European coastal regions, emphasizing sustainability, health and local identity.

Expected learning outcomes:

1. Appreciate the cultural significance of regional gastronomic traditions.
2. Apply principles of sustainability, seasonality and conscious consumption.
3. Develop intercultural communication, creativity and teamwork.

Day 5: 26-06-2026 (7 hours)

Session V: Innovation, Resilience and the Future of Coastal Europe

Objective: To reflect on the challenges and opportunities of coastal cities in the light of climate change, digitalization, depopulation and economic diversification.

Expected learning outcomes:

1. Engage with real-world challenges through a participatory lens.
2. To connect tradition, identity and innovation in regional development strategies.

	Understand the fundamental concepts to promote a European, interdisciplinary, and intercultural training experience focused on valuing local territories as spaces of identity, heritage, innovation, resilience and sustainability, through the implementation of a program coordinated by a network of higher education institutions
Learning objectives/outcomes:	<p>1 - Understand the fundamental concepts to promote a European, interdisciplinary, and intercultural training experience focused on valuing local territories as spaces of identity, heritage, innovation, resilience and sustainability, through the implementation of a program coordinated by a network of higher education institutions.</p> <p>2 - Acquiring knowledge about the history and identity of partner territories, promoting intercultural understanding and respect for European diversity and value tangible and intangible cultural heritage as an engine of social cohesion, local development and identity affirmation in a European context. Learn about strategies to reinforce sustainable practices associated with culture, food, local and international production, and conscious consumption, based on the principles of the Mediterranean Diet and other intercultural traditions.</p>
Any required material/software to take part to the course	Human, material and financial resources necessary for the operation of the course are ensured by the UALG faculty, with the participation of: Nord University, Norway; University of Brest, France; University of Gdansk, Poland; University of Naples Parthenope, Italy; University of Cádiz, Spain.
ECTS	4
Evaluation	This course will be assessed in three components: Component 1: Quizzes before the presential mobility; Component 2: Collaborative dynamics during the mobility; Component 3: Tasks during or after the mobility.
Certificates	Upon successful completion (evaluation and attendance), Certificate of attendance and Transcript of Records will be issued.
Language of the course	English

Practical information

Accommodation recommendations	Each participant is responsible by their own reserve accommodation. As the presential component will be in Faro, at the Penha <i>Campus</i> participants are recommended to find accommodation in Faro near to the University Campus.
Any tips?	No
Contact of the person in charge of signing the OLA	Head of International Relations and Mobility Office & SEA-EU 2.0 Local Manager Office (international@ualg.pt)